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**LEOPARD STRAYS INTO TOWN IN MYSURU DIST, ATTACKS 2 PERSONS**

A leopard strayed into a residential area at K R Nagar in Mysuru district and attacked two persons. The six-year-old leopardess was first spotted by a resident at his under-construction building on Thursday. The feline attacked a biker and a forest staffer, who received minor injuries. However, foresters managed to dart the animal and capture it. It was later released into the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. P5

# Twitter almost purges its India staff

It's part of the platform's plan to cut 50% of its 7,500-strong workforce across the globe; all offices shut temporarily

**UMA KANNAN** @ Bengaluru

TWITTER Inc under its new owner Elon Musk has dismissed most of its 250-odd employees in India as part of mass layoffs across the globe. Sources said people across engineering, sales and marketing, and communications teams have been fired.

While there has been no official statement about the retrenchment, several employees took to the microblogging platform to confirm their layoffs. A former staffer, on condition of anonymity, told this newspaper that many of them are in a state of shock. According to reports, Twitter plans to cut its workforce by half, issuing pink slips to nearly 3,700 employees globally.

Aditi Shorewal, communication lead at Twitter, tweeted, "We knew this day would come, we prepared, but...it still hurts."

Another former employee Yash Agarwal's tweet has gone viral. "Just got laid off. Bird App, it was an absolute honour, the greatest privilege ever to be a part of this team, this culture."

Agencies have reported that some former employees in the US have sued Twitter saying they were not given enough notice.

Meanwhile, in a memo, Twitter reminded employees about the need to "adhere to Twitter policies that prohibit you from discussing confidential company information on social media, with the press or elsewhere".

Twitter also said it was temporarily closing all offices for the safety of employees as well as its systems. "If you are in an office or on your way to office, please return home," it said in an email to employees.

When asked about the layoffs, former Twitter India head Manish Maheshwari said: "My heart goes out to them. They are top-class professionals, any company would be glad to have them."

In another development, Musk blamed activists for the company's financial distress. "Twitter has had a massive drop in revenue due to activist groups pressuring advertisers, even though nothing has changed with content moderation and we did everything we could to appease the activists. Extremely messed up! They're trying to destroy free speech in America," he said.

**IT FIRMS IN AUSTERITY MODE**

**Twitter's action comes at a time when tech majors are cutting costs by all means**

- Bengaluru-based business-to-business e-commerce market place Udaan has retrenched 350 on-roll employees
- Amazon.com Inc has decided to pause adding new corporate workers, in view of "uncertain economy"
- Ride-hailing firm Lyft Inc plans to trim 13% of its staff, or around 683 people
- Apple Inc, which has outperformed most of its peers this year, is slowing spending and has paused much of its hiring

# D-G shifted out of Tihar over protection money racket

**UJWAL JALALI** @ New Delhi

TNIE IMPACT

DELHI'S Director General (Prisons) Sandeep Goel was on Friday transferred and asked to report to the police headquarters, days after this newspaper broke the story of jailed conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar alleging he was forced to pay ₹10 crore as protection money.

IPS officer Sanjay Beniwal (1989-batch AGMUT cadre) has been appointed the new DG (Prisons). Beniwal was last year transferred from Chandigarh to Delhi and given the newly created post of Special Commissioner, Perception Management and Media Cell in the Delhi Police.

Chandrashekhar had written to Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena levelling serious allegations of extortion against Goel and jailed AAP minister Satyendar Jain. Currently lodged at Delhi's Mandoli prison, Chandrashekhar's had alleged that he made payments not only to Jain and Goel but also to the Aam Aadmi Party to the tune of ₹50 crore as he was promised an important position in the party in south India.

The allegations put the AAP in the vortex of a political storm with rivals BJP and Congress training their guns at its party chief Arvind Kejriwal. The L-G's office on October 18 forwarded Chandrashekhar's letter to Delhi Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar for suitable action.

**EXPRESS READ**

**Umesh Reddy's death penalty reduced to life**

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday commuted the death sentence awarded to Umesh Reddy for the rape and murder of a widow in Bengaluru in 1998, noting that he was in solitary confinement for about 10 years. P3

**Husband let off in snake bite 'murder' case**

Udupi: A court in Udupi has acquitted 43-year-old Dr Suresh Prabhu and six others accused of killing the former's wife near Hebri in 2010 by injecting her with snake venom, and trying to pass it off as an accidental death. P5

**Shiv Sena leader shot dead in Amritsar**

Amritsar/Chandigarh: Shiv Sena (Taksali) leader Sudhir Suri was shot dead on Friday while he was taking part in a protest outside a temple in a busy Amritsar locality, police said. The accused, Sandeep Singh, has been arrested. P10

# GIM signs off with ₹9.82 L cr worth MoUs

**CHETAN M G** @ Bengaluru

THE three-day Global Investors Meet (GIM) concluded on Friday with MoUs worth Rs 9.82 lakh crore signed, which is almost double the Rs 5 lakh crore investment initially expected.

To ensure that MoUs signed are implemented on ground, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has instructed bureaucrats to follow up with companies and take steps for the implementation of the projects over the next three months.

In his address at the closing ceremony of GIM-2022, CM Bommai said, "This is not the valediction but an interval. Our government is committed to extending sustained support to companies investing in the state. There are challenges to the companies as well as the government. Let us work together to meet the challenges."

On the green energy sector drawing investments to the tune of Rs 2 lakh crore, the CM said, "We (Karnataka) are producing 63 per cent of renewable energy in the country. I am sure Karnataka will be competing with the Gulf nations in producing hydrogen fuel and ammonia. I agree they have better infrastructure, but we have the determination." CONTINUED ON: P4

# Treat first, procedures later, hospitals warned

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bengaluru

A day after a pregnant woman in labour and her unborn twins died from excessive bleeding at their residence after being denied treatment at the Tumakuru District Hospital, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said a new set of laws and guidelines will be put in place for hospitals to strictly follow to ensure those facing medical emergencies are not turned away for want of procedures and documents at the hospitals. If need be, the laws will be amended in the next assembly session, he said.

Following the health minister's directions, the health department issued a series of guidelines stating that nationality, caste and economic status of a patient should not be asked for in times of medical emergency; no documents like Tayi card, Aadhaar, ration card or any other should be asked for; that hospitals' and health centres' foremost duty is to provide treatment to patients; and that hospitals cannot force patients or attenders to submit documents ahead of treatment. CONTINUED ON: P3

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Thank You
to all the Delegates and Investors for making GIM Invest Karnataka-2022 the most successful investors meet in the history of GIM Karnataka.
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Hon'ble Prime Minister
Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
3 Days
300+ Exhibitors
30+ Insightful Sessions
80+ Inspiring Talks
6 Country Partner Sessions
Total investment committed by investors: Rs. 9.8 lakhs crore
This includes:
Approval given by the State High-Level Clearance Committee and State Single Window for Rs. 2.8 lakhs crore investments by 608 companies
Rs. 5.4 lakhs crore worth of MoUs signed by 57 companies
Rs. 1.6 lakhs crore investments announced by leading companies such as Adani Group and JSW during the inauguration
Key sectors
Green hydrogen and green ammonia (35%)
Renewable Energy (40%)
Sunrise sectors such as Electronics, including Semiconductor Fab, Lithium Ion Cells, Solar Cells, E-mobility (9%)
Infrastructure including 5G telecom, City Gas Distribution, Industrial and Logistics Parks (9%)
Core sectors and General sectors such as Iron and Steel, Cement, and Mining (7%)
In line with the Hon'ble CM's vision of 'Beyond Bengaluru' initiative, 90% of the investments committed are in districts outside Bengaluru.
As enshrined in our Constitution, - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.
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